Air Pollution by Indraprastha Thermal Power Station

2086. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) What checks are in existence with the formation of Environment Pollution Board over the units which were licensed before the Board was constituted;

(b) Whether DESU Thermal Power Station comes under the purview of the Board;

(c) whether there are any regular monitoring to estimate the levels of pollution in the plant; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 provided the following checks on the units licensed before the pollution control Board was constituted;

(i) The units in existence are required to obtain consent for the discharge of effluents and emissions and the units are directed to comply with the consent conditions on a time-bound basis.

(ii) Legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. All the units of DESU are meeting the emission standards prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board. With regard to the waste-water effluent, units are meeting the prescribed limits of all the parameters except total suspended solids and temperature. The Central Pollution Control Board launched a prosecution against Indraprastha Thermal Power Station under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Court directed the Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking to take necessary action.

Decline in the Export of Turmeric

2087. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of turmeric has declined if so, what are the details thereof and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years by its export; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to boost the export of turmeric?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The export of turmeric during the last three years was as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Qty. (M.T.)	Value
1986-87	19529	1918
1987-88	8747	923
1988-89	16518	1737 (provisional)

Prior to 1986-87 the average export of turmeric was about 10,000 M.T. There was unprecendented increase in exports of turmeric during 1986-87 perhaps because of shortage of this commodity in the world market. The exports fell down next year as imports had sufficient stock from the previous year. Last year, the export of turmeric had again increased.

(b) The steps to boost export of spices which include turmeric also *inter-alia* are:—

1. Grant of CCS.

2. Import replenishment licence.

3 Air freight subsidy on export of cardamon during peak period, market promotion through publicity campaign, market survey, sales-cum-study delegation participation in International Fairs, Buyer-Seller Meets, efforts to reduce cost of production and productivity in cardamon to make the product more

competitive in the International Market encouraging quality consciousness through seminars, training, setting up Quality Control Laboratory to promote Board's logo as a symbol of quality spices.

Export of Spices

2088. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports of various spices from Southern States have been declining, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the annual figures of exports of various spices, Statewise alongwith their foreign exchange earnings; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to boost the export of spices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Figures of export of Spices Statewise are not maintained. Export figures for 1988-89 however are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI Annexure No. 127]

On the whole, Southern States account for the largest amount of spice exports from India.

(c) The steps to boost export of spices *inter-alia* include: (i) grant of CCS (ii) Import replenishment licences; (iii) air-freight subsidy on export of cardamom during peak period; (iv) Market promotion through publicity campaigns, market surveys, deputation of sales cum study delegations; participation in international fairs, efforts to reduce cost of production of cardamom to increase production and productivity to make the product more competitive in the international market, encouraging quality consciousness through seminars, trainings, setting of Quality Control Laboratory to promote Board's Logo as a symbol of Quality Spices.

Ex-gratia payment and pension payable to the next of Kin of Terrorist Victim Employees of Education Department of Punjab

2089. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of officials in the Education Department of the Government of Punjab who had been killed by the terrorists the date and place of killing in each case as on 31st May, 1989;

(b) what are the details of cases in which admissible *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 50,000/- has not so far been paid to the widows/the next of kin of the victims, with the reasons for the delay; and

(c) what are the details of cases in which payment of pension equal to last pay drawn has not been started as on 31st May, 1989 with the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Jobs to Widows/dependents of Persons killed by Terrorists in Punjab

2090. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of widows/dependents of those killed by terrorists in Punjab whose applications for jobs on priority basis are pending as on 31st May, 1989 with the date of killing as well as the date on which application for job was made in each case;

(b) by when these applicants are likely to be provided with jobs; and

(c) what are the dates on which each widow in the above list had been paid admissible pension of Rs. 250/- p.m. as on 31st May, 1989?